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Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 146 is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/70/634.
2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 27th and 31st meetings, on 10 and 21 March 2016. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch (A/70/698);
 - (b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/772).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.27

4. At its 31st meeting, on 21 March 2016, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch" (A/C.5/70/L.27), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Mexico.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.27 without a vote (see para. 6).

¹ A/C.5/70/SR.27 and A/C.5/70/SR.31.



III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 66/240 A of 24 December 2011, 66/240 B of 21 June 2012, 67/244 A of 24 December 2012, 67/244 B of 12 April 2013, 68/257 of 27 December 2013, 68/267 of 9 April 2014, 69/256 of 29 December 2014, 69/276 of 2 April 2015 and 70/243 of 23 December 2015,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;²
3. *Reiterates its appreciation* for the continued support of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania in facilitating the construction of the new facility;
4. *Notes* the continued efforts made by the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals related to the implementation of the project, including cost saving measures and cooperation with other judicial institutions;
5. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge and capacity in the implementation of the project;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all measures necessary to mitigate potential risks and to ensure that the construction project is monitored closely and is completed within the approved resources and the revised timeline;
7. *Recalls* paragraphs 21 and 22 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to pursue the recovery of the direct and indirect costs arising from errors and delays, where economically feasible to do so, and to report thereon in the context of the next progress report;
8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, no later than at the first part of its resumed seventy-first session, a progress report on the implementation of the project, outlining, inter alia, the project expenditures and total costs.

¹ A/70/698.

² A/70/772.

